Supply of subsidised power

1088. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been mooted to supply subsidized power for below poverty line population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) According to National Electricity Policy a minimum level of support may be required to make the electricity affordable for consumers of very poor category. Consumers below poverty line who consume below a specified level, say 30 units per month, may receive special support in terms of tariff which are cross-subsidized. Tariffs for such designated group of consumers will be at least 50% of the average (overall) cost of supply.

Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, Government of India is providing electricity connection to below poverty line households with 100% capital subsidy as per norms of Kutir Jyoti Yojana. During the year 2004-05 under this programme 56,492 households were provided connections.

Electrification of villages in Rajasthan

1089. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have set a target to make electricity available in every village of the country by 2009, under 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Plan';

(b) the present status in the country of the total number of villages and the total number of villages electrified/not electrified;

(c) the number of such villages in Rajasthan where there is no electricity, as on date; and

(d) by when the total work of electrification in Rajasthan is expected to be carried out?

The Minister of POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Under 'Rajiv' Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana' (RGGVY) introduced in April, 2005 Government of India aims to electrify all villages